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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 1178

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PORT VISIT OF FOUR US DESTROYERS

REF: (A) PORT LOUIS 1116; (B) COMIDEASTFOR O P 230820Z DEC 73

1. OBTAINING CLEARANCES FOR CALLS OF DESTROYERS TURNED OUT TO BE NOT QUITE SO PAINLESS AS INDICATED AT FIRST BY WORKING-LEVEL GOM OFFICIAL (PORT LOUIS 1161). THIS DUE PRIMARILY TO EXTENSION OF PART VISIT BY THREE SOVIET VESSELS'. (IN US OFFICERS' COURTESY CALL ON PRIMIN DEC. 27, HE STATED HE HAD PERSONALLY ASKED SOVIETS IF THEY WOULD NOT WISH STAY OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.)

2. NONETHELESS, CROWDED HARBOR, AND FACT THAT LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS WERE CAUGHT SHORT BY PRIMIN'S INITIATIVE IN ASKING SOVIETS TO STAY DID CAUSE SOME LOGISTICS PROBLEMS.

3. SOVIET VESSELS DEPARTED PORT LOUIS BETWEEN 1300 AND 1500 LOCAL TIME DEC. 27 AND US VESSELS MAY NOW TAKE UP THEIR BERTHS. DURING PERIOD THAT SOVIET AND US NAVIES OVERLAPPED IN PORT, SOVIET LEAVE WAS SEEMINGLY RESTRICTED TO BUS TOURS ONLY WITH NO
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SOVIET UNITS IN TOWN ON THEIR OWN.

4. COMMENT: PRIMIN OFFERED LUNCHEON FOR SKIPPERS OF BURMBY & KOELSCH ON SHORT NOTICE FOR NOON, DEC. 28. HE MOST EXPANSIVE, DECLARING US VESSELS HAD ALWAYS A HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME IN MAURITIUS. HE UNDOUBTEDLY SINCERE BUT ALSO INTERESTED IN SHOWING GOM MAGNAMINITY TOWARD DIFFERENT GREAT POWER NAVAL UNITS. SEVERAL LUNCHEON GUESTS DID RAISE QUESTION OF SUBSTITUTION PORT LOUIS FOR MADAGASCAR AS FUELLING POINT. NAVAL AND EMBOFFS, WHO BRIEFED ON SUBJECT, REPLIED ALONG LINES CONTENT STATE 250131.
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